

The Clubrooms are open again and the House Committee is doing business at the same old stand - members are straggling or struggling back from vacations, assignments, surveys abroad, just plain work or what have you. The Secretary of the club has returned from a two weeks' fishing and swimming vacation in Montauk, Long Island. - no tuna but a 25 pound striper and an 80 pound shark for good sport.

The closing luncheon of the year was tops for the Inter American Committee, headed by Hal Lee, editor of the Pan American Magazine. About 240 members and guests attended the luncheon in honor of the President of Venezuela, Romulo Gallegos, who was visiting the United States at the invitation of President Truman. H.V. Kaltenborn presided and seated at the head table with the various cabinet members of the Venezuelan government, the representatives of Venezuela at the UN and other dignitaries, were Whit Burnett, editor of Story Magazine, Otto Tolischus of the N.Y. Times, Dean Carl Ackerman, of the Columbia School of Journalism, Tom Palmer, President of the Pan American Society, Lucian Kirtland, Treasurer of the Correspondents Fund, Bernard Estes, Bob Considine, John Steinbeck and Louis Lochner.

The President came up from City Hall with a police escort. A military band from Fort Jay played outside of the Sherry Netherlands - thanks to Colonel G.P. Welch. The reception room of the hotel had been set up for cocktails. The wives of the cabinet ministers and advisers to Gallegos accompanied their husbands. The Voice of America recorded the speeches and a movie was made of the luncheon. Two press tables were filled with reporters covering for the New York press and all questions were very frankly answered by this South American leader whose first love is journalism. His books are famous (ten copies of his best known novel "Dona Barbara" were jackpot winners). It seems that publishing and editing are a sure way to the Presidency in South America????????

Half way through the preliminaries President Gallegos announced that he had a jackpot present - a trip to Venezuela as his guest with all expenses paid. Excitement ran high. Senora Gallegos picked the lucky number. A non-member won the trip but later declined the honor as she could not go so the jackpot winner is still to be chosen and will be decided by the Board of Governors at their first meeting in September. The winner has a week's stay included in the trip and may bring someone along. After thinking over the difficulties of that, Gallegos said the two, necessarily of opposite sex, would have to be married. Well, boys and girls? Mr. Kaltenborn, overwhelmed by the President's generosity, presented him with a beautiful gold fountain pen - the President said it would be used to write words of friendship between his country and the United States.

"A writer is loyal to his trust and loyal to his people," said Romulo Gallegos. He made it clear that Venezuela's policy of non-recognition of Spain would remain unchanged. The President said that his country is trying to develop the iron mines on the Orinoco River in order to free its economy from complete dependence on oil. Asked whether communism was strong in Venezuela, Gallegos replied that in the election which put him in office, the Communists polled 50,000 votes while his own Democratic party got more than a million.

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The following applications for membership in the Overseas Press Club of America have been received. Comments, complaints or recommendations should be sent in writing to Craig Thompson, chairman of the Admissions Committee.

ACTIVE:

DR. NERIN E. GUN, correspondent for International Press Information agency of Rome and Zurich, July 1946 to Feb. 1947. May 1947 to Oct. 1947 associate editor of International Digest, New York. April 1947 to April 1948 Journal American correspondent in Paris and London.

ALPHEUS WILLIAM JESSUP, Chief, Tokyo Bureau, McGraw Hill, World News. Shanghai, China, July 1946 to June, 1947. Tokyo, Japan from June 1947 to present. Periodic trips to China, Korea. Stars and Stripes, China edition (Shanghai) from Sept. 1945 to April 1946.

ANDREW J. STEIGER, Moscow Correspondent, McGraw Hill Corp. In 1937, Business Week office in Moscow; 1938, N.Y. Times Moscow Bureau; Moscow Bureau, McGraw Hill since June, 1947.

WILLIAM WESTLAKE, Director of Press Information, European Cooperation Administration, Washington, D.C. ETO, 1942, England, Africa, Egypt, India, 4 mos. 1943; Pacific, 4 mos. Hawaii, Guam, Philippines, Australia; Germany, 6 mos. 1945, Berlin, Paris; Bikini, 5 mos. for Atom Bomb tests.

JOSEPH K. VAN DENBURG, JR., McGraw Hill World News in Bombay, India. India-Pakistan, 1946 to date.

There will be a meeting of the Admissions Committee in the clubrooms on Thursday, August 26 at 6 P.M., according to Craig Thompson, Chairman.

Bea Mathieu has left for Europe where she will prepare some work for the New Yorker. Her headquarters for the next three months will be the Hotel Georges V, Paris.

Charles Hodges, secretary of the American Radio Analysts Association has left for several months survey trip to Europe.

Dixon Donnelley, press attache of the American Embassy, who has been transferred from Santiago, Chile to Buenos Aires, Argentina, tried to make a trip over the snow capped Andes in his car. He and his car made part of the way by freight train but Donnelley was separated from his auto by Argentine authorities at the border, who have a rule against passengers riding automobiles atop freight trains. He arranged to have the car unloaded from the train 40 kms. past the border where the snow was shallow enough to continue on the road. Donnelley hiked 20 kms. through the snow and then completed the 40 km. journey by mule to reach it.

Bob Benjamin of Time magazine has also been transferred from Santiago, Chile to Buenos Aires but followed a more conventional route by flying over the Andes. Benjamin expects to stay approximately 3 months there and then will return to the States.

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Joe Alex Morris, former managing editor of Collier's, has gone to California for several months... H.V. Kaltenborn is spending some weeks this summer in Europe... Ray Josephs' article on "Peru" in the August issue of Argosy came a little late for most members to take his advice and go down there and live like lords on fifteen dollars a week for their vacations.

SPECIAL THANKS... The advertising in the Bulletin helps to pay for it... The Editor wishes to thank Tom Mitchell of RCA; Rex Smith of the AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES; George Lyon of PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (all members) for their support. Sam Fuson, a friend of many members, has subscribed an advertisement for BUICK, which will appear in September.

Bob Brumby leaves soon for Brazzaville, Africa, to do a story for MacNaught and John Hewlett has left to do a safari of southern countries of the African Continent -- ostensibly to find the graveyard of elephants. A discussion in the club before he left made the existence of such a place unlikely but John will find plenty of other material, if not that.

At the instigation of the Library Committee, the club has sent letters of appreciation to all publishers who have sent us books for the library.... the House Committee will carry on by keeping the club open four nights a week this summer inasmuch as there are no luncheons. There will be a host or hostess every night for the first four nights of the week.

Wythe Williams has almost finished the manuscript of his book to be called "Clemenceau--the Tiger", which will be published by Duell, Sloane and Pearce.

Walter Lippmann, columnist of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, writes that the present chaos over Germany is caused by putting the cart before the horse, that is to say, the reintegration of the countries of Europe was scheduled to be dealt with first and then the German question afterwards. General Clay, according to Lippmann, wishes the complete coordination of western Germany before the four power conference will be called.

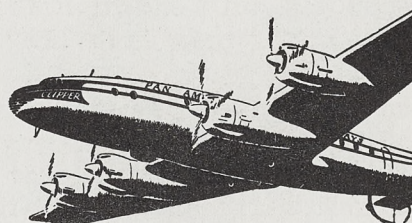
Arthur Gordon, editor of Cosmopolitan, has been replaced in this position by the former editor of Good Housekeeping, Albert Maisel. As a matter of fact the shakeup in the newspaper world, metropolitan, that is, seems to have preceded that of magazines by half a year -- for different reasons, to be sure.

Pola Rashkovsky, formerly with Time, Inc., has joined the staff here in New York of the Australian Truth newspapers.

Through Egbert White, Vice President, Miss Esther Oldt, Dean of Antioch College, sends us students who act as assistants in the office. They are working their way through school and most of them are veterans. We have had three young men so far and all of them have been interested and enthusiastic about their work. If members wish to cooperate with Antioch by hiring students, call the office or Egbert White for information.

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The necessity of guaranteeing a certain number of people for the luncheons this summer, coupled with the fact that so many are away, prompted the executive committee to suspend them for a few weeks, according to W.W.Chaplin, President.

Clinton Green, correspondent for the N.Y.Times in London, recently married Irene Manning, British actress, in England.

Henry Shapiro has returned to Moscow where he will represent the United Press.. he succeeds Walter Cronkite, expected back in the United States this week.

Fred Strozier, AP Bureau Chief in Buenos Aires, feels that the Bulletin has made a grave omission in not reporting the arrival of a son, Jay Howard Strozier, a few months ago. Even such a hard bitten newspaperman as Fred (he claims to have been in the business 30 years now) has cracked under the warming influence of fatherhood. Members in B.A. say you wouldn't know the old boy these days.

John Wilhelm, McGraw Hill representative in Argentina, is also representing NBC now. The Wilhelms were recently driven by the southern hemisphere winter from their farm (four horses, one cow) outside of Buenos Aires to the residential section of Olivos in the city proper.

A. T. Steele who has completed his tour of the continent of Africa arrived in India last week and has been sending dispatches on the progress made in one year by the new Indian state. Steele will be replaced soon by Margaret Parton, who will return to India from the States, and then will proceed to China where he will be stationed permanently for the N.Y.Herald Tribune in place of Christopher Rand, who will enjoy a Niemann Fellowship this year.

Henry Bagley, McGraw Hill correspondent in Rio De Janeiro, will return to the United States soon for several months' leave here after which he will return to Rio. Russ Anderson, editor of McGraw Hill World News, informs us that Paul Catz, who strings for him in Holland will arrive in this country on Sept. 19th. Catz' full time work is on a Dutch economic periodical.

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Andrew A. Rooney is the author of an article in the August issue of Cosmopolitan called "Don't Write a Book". Although all of the piece is worth quoting for its humor, one part hits home at most OPC members. To wit: "Often when my wife is doing the dishes and I am lying on the couch, she refuses to believe that I am plotting a new book. There is no way to prove it, of course, so I have to get up and help with the dishes."

Edgar Snow has returned to the States after many months' work for the Saturday Evening Post during which time he circled the globe, spending most time in Europe and India. Ed can be reached in the editorial rooms of the Satevepost, Philadelphia.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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